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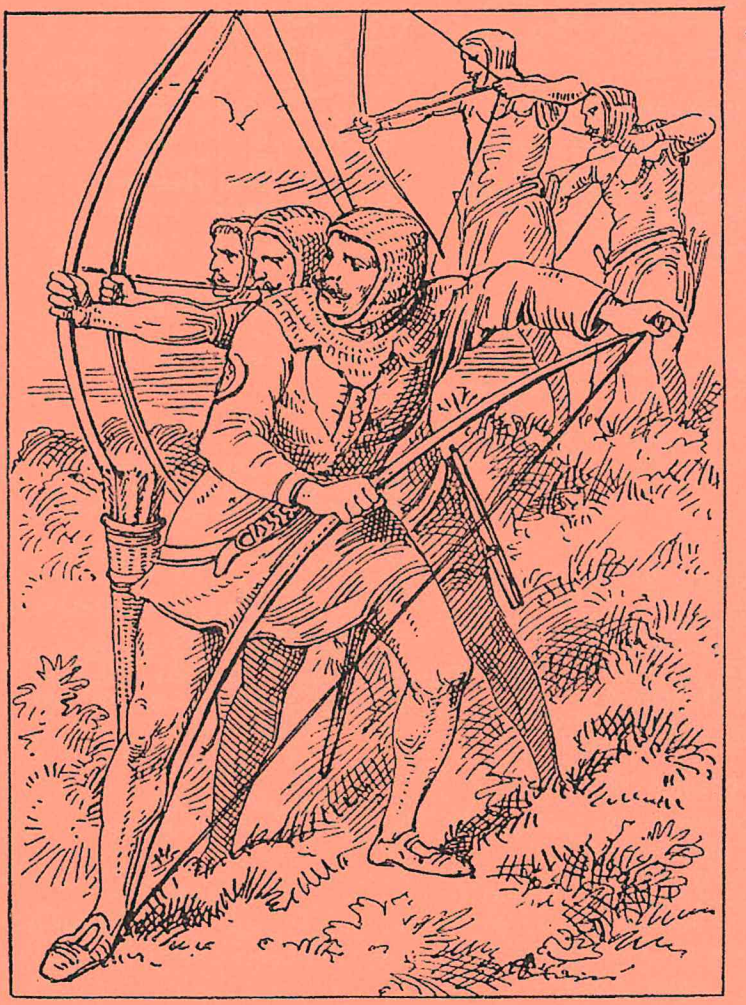

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AUGUST

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6-22	PENSIC WAR XXXIII *Kingdom of AEthelmearc*
24th	*Site Search Committee Meeting at Their Excellencies Home at 7pm*
29	PACK GAMES III *Fighter practice is at the Duck Pond!!*

SEPTEMBER

3-6	SILVER PASS IX *Rio de las Animas* ○
11-12	OUTLANDS CROWN TOURNAMENT *Windkeep* ○
14-16	AL-BARRAN CHAMPIONS ○
24-26	CHALLENGE OF THE SANDS *Kahlland* ○

OCTOBER

1-3	WAR FOR THE STAKED PLAINS *Scorpion's Hollow* ❖
2-3	*Estrella War Treaty Negotiations in Atenveldt* ⌘
9	QUEEN'S PRIZE TOURNEY *Unser Hafen* ○
16	ST GOLIAS FEAST DAY *St. Golias*
17	ESPERANZA

⌘ attendance by His Excelleny ❖ attendance by Her Excellency ○ attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to the populace,

Wow, it has already been a Glory-ous month since our last missive.

Special thanks to Jacqueline, Bruce the Juggler and Siren for their contributions to Glory, Their Excellencies Unser Hafen were very grateful. Also to Donovan, thanks for jumping in to herald ... great job! Start planning now to join us next year at Glory, if all goes well it will be the first of a new Battle for Glory between Artemisia and Northshield, hosted by the Outlands. As many of us al-Barranian's know, it takes a ton of work to pull off a big event, so plan now to help out however you can; attend, volunteer, offer advice, etc.

It was great to see so many of our officers and populace at Stags Con, hosted by the College of St. Golias. Congratulations to Mistress Bennett on her admittance into the Order of the Laurel. An excellent and fun event, just what we have come to expect of the Goliard's, though we did not see any of the vaunted green sheep; neither Flossy, Floosy, nor any of their relations.

Then it was up to the high pines of Drygestan for a wonderful time at Lonely Mountain Defender. To everyone from al-Barran and Blaiddwyn that camped with us, helped us setup, tear down, and do everything else in between, in and out of the rain ... Huzzah! Bronwen, Cerydwen & Geoffery, and Thomas "I've never had one of these before" of Ghent, duty beyond the call, thank you so much for all your help. Congratulations to the newest Outlands peers; Mistress Helga Tynker, OP, Sir Qara Gan, and Sir Kynan of Wyre Forest. Beautiful site, wonderful people, great weather ... it just doesn't get much better than that.

But wait, Baron's Wars is still to come!

All children interested in being a handmaiden or a page, have your parents call Baroness Emma at 730-1967 for more information. Training will start in September for the feast season.

Please join us at the park Sunday, August 1st, beginning at noon, for a populace meeting. We will be discussing all things al-Barran, so bring your issues, ideas, and a chair. In addition to your concerns we will be discussing the Site and Regalia Committees, Estrella Coordinator, and the new Guidelines for Children from the Kingdom.

Baronial Champions is coming soon ... prepare your sword, rapier, bow, and voice, the competitions promise to be fantastic. Fighters

be aware that Her Excellency's Champion must not only hold their own on the field but do so with courtesy, grace, and a bit of entertainment.

For Mistress Monika and all our Scribes that have jumped into making beautiful award scrolls for us, Quartermaster Tomas that has neatly conquered the Keep, our esteemed dance instructor Jayne, Emma, our Ladies, Condotierri, and Guards ... Thank You! Please help us welcome our new retinue members; Lady in waiting Melody Shaw, Guardsmen Bjorn Thunarvin (aka Alias) and Wego Sonovic. And to help keep us all healthy and safe, we introduce the Baronial Chirurgeon, Sir Dennis the Wright.

We hope to see you during our travels throughout August and September, please see our progress listed elsewhere. You are all welcome to camp with us at any of these events, just let us know and we will reserve space. And remember it is never too early to start on your Midwinter clothes, Mistress Cailte and THL Connor have a great event in the works.

Ryan *Jana*

From the Reeve

Good Tidings and Salutations,

I would like to welcome Vladimir Igorevich as the Event Paperwork Deputy in charge of handling Autocrat Forms Packet & Checklist. Huzaah!

Currently, there are 2 Deputy positions available:
Gate Coordinator Deputy – Handles All Gate Forms
General Duties Deputy

Interested candidates should have basic bookkeeping experience, and/or accounting degree. If you or someone your know is interested in filling these positions, please contact me at:

reeve@al-barran.org or 242-6735 (no calls after 9:30 pm).

In Service to the Dream,

Lady Aigiarn Aljin

From the Arts and Sciences Minister

Hello everyone,

I want to thank everyone that sent in their project reports. I am going to talk with the Web Minister about having these Quarterly lists put up on an A&S page off of al-Barran's web page. I think these will be helpful in showing not only what people are doing but giving a guide to those who might need help in a similar area. Not only can it serve as a guide but if you know someone is doing certain work you can go and inquire with them and see the level of quality in that work and maybe make use of the online award recommendation service.

The big thing coming up is the warm weather classes are filled for this year. If everything goes well perhaps we can start earlier in the summer next year. All classes will begin around 1:00 pm unless otherwise specified. Classes on the same day may be run at the same time or successively according to the wish of the teachers. I still have not heard from all of my October teachers so that schedule is very tentative.

ARTS IN THE PARK CLASSES

All classes will begin around 1:00 pm unless otherwise specified.

August 8th	Celtic Knotwork; Mistress Monika von Zell
	NOTICE CLASS WILL BEGIN AT 12:00
	Felting class; THL Skameika
August 15th	Cloth Circlets; Baroness Tana
	Banner making; Lady Alethea Sage
August 29th	Lampwork beads; THL Skameika
Sept. 5th	Mah Jongg; Haniya bat Baruch
	Chess; Sir Dennis
	GO; THL Alia (not confirmed)
Sept. 12th	Nailbinding; Lady Gytha
Sept. 17th- 19th	*Champions of al-Barran*
Sept. 26th	Herbalism; Lady Roma
Oct. 3rd	Origami; THL OEngus of Greymist
Oct. 9th- 10th	*Queens Prize*
Oct. 17th	*Esperanza*
Oct. 24th	Liqueurs; Lady Danica

I want to encourage everyone who can to participate in Queen's Prize. It is a wonderful event and does not have the high pressure of a full competition. It is the perfect place to test run things for competition, to try a new art, you will get the best constructive critiques the kingdom has to offer. I have been both an exhibiter and a commenter at Queen's Prize and consider it to be some of the best experiences I have had in the Arts.

Coming up in Arts:

Regular activities:

--Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject

--Armor workshops with Master Tore
Thursday 6:00-9:00 281-5694

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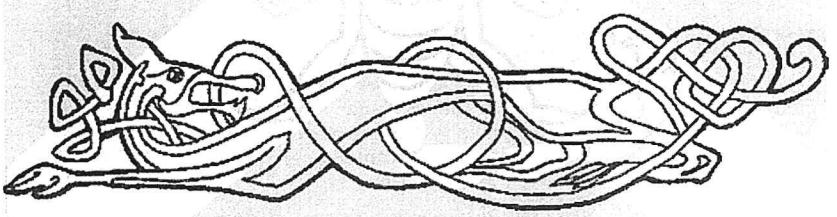
--Weaving Knowledge and exchange with Lady Monika the Fair
3rd Friday of the month 323-5569
--Court Dancing and Scorpions Scales
Sundays during fighter practice

Events:
Sept 17th-19th Champion of al-Barran
(Best scorpion in any medium Saturday check in around 10:00amsee THL A'isha, Brewing Competition Saturday see Lord Michael McQuillan of Blackthorne, Best side dish and dessert for the pot luck on Saturday see autocrat, Bard of al-Barran run congruently with Saturday Bardic contact Lord Tancred with your intentions as Bard)
Oct 9th Queens Prize (See earlier in my letter)
Oct 17th Esperanza (there will be an Arts Competition but at this time I do not know the theme or parameters)
Nov 20th or 21st Toys for Tots (Possible time for Baronial Arts Champion stay tuned for details as they emerge)
Dec 18th-19th Midwinter Prizes for period garb, table settings etc.

THL A'isha



From the Waterbearer

Hello,

After the Waterbearers meeting at Stags Con; we, the waterbearers have decided to try using those pop-top squirt tops that come on waterbottles instead of the tubes. I'm requesting that anyone who buys bottled water with those tops please send them my way. I need ones that fit on 2 litter bottles (not all brands do, I do know that the Deja Blue brand does, just not sure about some of the other brands.) You can bring them to me at fighter practice, I am at most Sunday fighter practices.

Thank you in advance.

Cerelle de Seyntlegger

The festival of Lughnasadh now begins, when all gather together in friendship and common interest to gather in the grain and celebrate the harvest of the year. (Macneil)

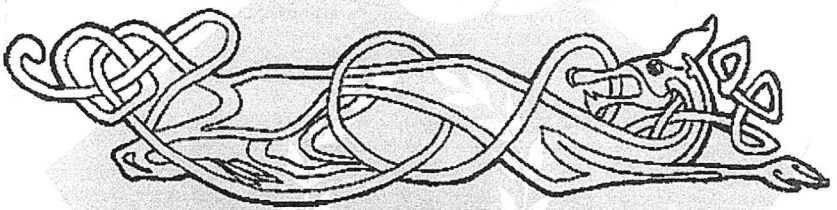
From the Baronial Scribe

Greetings to all from the Baronial Scribe,

Two workshops were held, one at the park and another at Stags Con which were information for new calligraphers. A Celtic knotwork class will be taught at the park on Sunday, August 8th at 12 noon. Materials will be provided and the knotwork can be used on scrolls or for embroidery. We've had seven baronial scribes active the past month: Mistress Caelte, THL Margherita, Lady Amanda Murray, Lady Bronwyn Blackwell, Lord Llwyus, Lord Michael MacQuillam, and myself. Scrolls were provided for baronial court at Lonely Mountain, for Stags Con, and scroll borders for kingdom largesse at Pennsic.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BARONIAL SCROLL COMPETITION: In an effort to support and encourage the scribes of the barony, and provided Their Excellencies with a supply of blank scrolls, a scroll competition will be held at the Baronial Champions' Event in September. There should be no names or dates on scrolls entered, but blank space provided for these and Their Excellencies' signatures. The only other requirements are that the scroll be for any of the baronial awards and that the official scroll texts for these awards as provided in the Outlands Scribes Handbook be used. The handbook may be linked to from the Outlands web site. Scrolls being entered must be turned in to me either before the event or on site by 3 pm Saturday. Several prizes of scribal materials and books will be awarded.

Yours in service,
Monika von Zell



From the Webminister

Greetings,

I just wanted to let people know how many times the al-Barran website has been accessed in June. The home page was accessed 762 times, homepage visits were 423, total overall access for all pages was 25,975 times and the total visits were 2,767 times.

Remember the website now has much more room for photos of the A&S pieces you have made, photos of events, songs, poems, please contact me about contributing. My contact information is listed on the website or in the chronicler section on the officer's page in the Baronial Shaft.

Lady Melody

From the Chronicler

Greetings unto all,

As we go into the second half of the year we all start working on our War projects. But let us not forget Champions, Esperanza, Toys for Tots, and Midwinter are all in the coming months. In this newsletter you will find articles for all of the above events plus a few others, seek out the articles to find out what competitions are happening that you might want to enter. Rumor has it that the Scorpion-in-any-Medium is back at Championsl! Pack Games with Blaiddwyn is at UNM on August 29th. Yes, fighter practice is moving to the duck pond for Pack Games. Bring out your arts and science projects to show all the college students and the rest of the populace.

Thank you to all the populace who met me at the park or at the citizen meeting lately to start subscriptions and renew subscriptions. On Sundays I try to be at the park available to take payments for new subscription and renewals. This is especially important because in September at al-Barran Champions a paid subscription is necessary to compete in the various competitions, yes you can get a subscription at the event, but prepaying works just as well.

Thank you, Michael for another wonderful Pony World cartoon. I wonder who will it be next month? And on that evil thought...

Lady Kathws

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Blaiddwyn's website: http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html SCA's website: http://www.sca.org

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Attention! al-Barran Youth, Parents, and Interested Adults Discussion List

A new discussion list has been created for the exchange of information and ideas at yahoogroups.com for the children, youth, teens, and parents in al-Barran and for the adults who have been helping with children, youth and teen activities in al-Barran. To join this group, just go to www.yahoogroups.com, search for **al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents** and then click on "join."

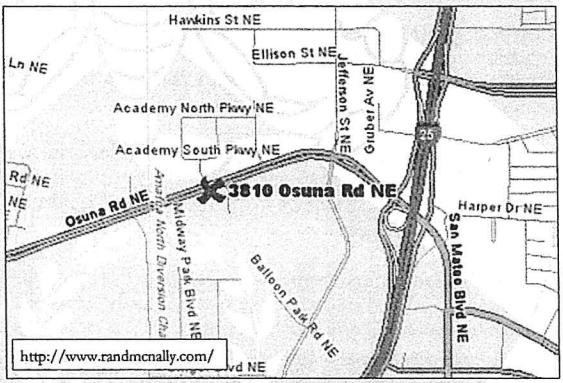
Newcomers Household

Meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

The Barony of Al-Barran is beginning a series of regular ongoing, informational gatherings for those new to the SCA (New being defined as being a member for less than 2 years). These will be informal -garb is not required- meetings at which some aspect of the Society will be discussed. We may talk about preparing for a camping event, or have a dialogue on the meaning of honor, or make T tunics, or discuss protocol, or watch a period movie. All are welcome.

Old-timers—what do you wish someone had clued you in on when you first started to play? What do you think it is important for new players to know? I need your input.

If you are interested in mentoring newcomers, If you would like to be involved as a presenter or facilitator, or would like to attend, or have something to say on the subject, contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com, or show up at 3810 Osuna NE, Suite 1, Aspen Behavioral Health, Albuquerque, NM at 6:30 pm, Tuesday August 9th. For directions contact Baroness Emma at 730-1967. Contact Duchess Elisheva for additional details.



A New Singing Group

Two of my favorite memories and experiences in the SCA was going to Mistress AElfled's house several years ago and also to Lady Danica's house another year to learn and practice period songs for two different mid-Winter events. Several individuals are interested in forming a new singing group to learn and sing period songs at events. These songs would be along the same lines as the songs sung at Mistress AElfled's and Lady Danica's and are not the type of songs that are normally sung at Bardics. If you are interested in being a member of this singing group or wish further information, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453.

Mid-Winter Entertainment

If you are interested in entertaining at al-Barran's Mid-Winter, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453.

Grand Outlandish XXXI Thank You

Autocrating Grand Outlandish is a huge job of delegating tasks. It continues to be the largest event in the Outlands and it would be impossible without all the help and support of so many al-Barranians and neighbors. Without whom there would be no Grand Outlandish. There were many people who worked on Grand Outlandish this year and they deserve the thanks and gratitude of everyone in al-Barran. We would like to publicly thank the people that donated so much time and labor as the main event coordinators: Duchess Kathryn, Sir Gregor, Lady Aigiarn, Lord Badai, Lord Gargamont, Don Rudger, Lord Dreyfus, THLady Skia, THLady Sabia, Lady Barbara, Mistress Maria, Lord Aethlwolf, Lord Gauvaine, Don Oengus, Lord Tancred, Lady Monica, Lady Danica, Eric, Lord Rognvaldr, and Lord Christobal.

There were a few people who dedicated so much extra time, both before and at Outlandish. Some were coordinators, some were Baronial Officers and some were just folks who jumped up and helped out. Kragon, Tomas, Bjorn, Stefan, Aigiarn, Gregor, Denis, Sue (Gargamont's mom), Dreyfus and Tore.

Thanks to Kathryn and Helga for camping early and helping with setup up and feeding the autocrat. Thanks to the Ryan for running the early setup and being so informative about where everything needed to go.

So often these thank you letters just seem to be a list of people's names, but there were so many folks helping it would take to much space in the Shaft to tell a little story for each of them and the jobs they performed, but if you're interested, please just ask either of us.

This year the condition of the road was horrible, and Kragon (of his own volition) drove out with a road grader, and spent two whole days grading the road. He also graded the driveway of the house at the base of the hill, just to be nice. Thanks Kragon!

Thanks to Sir Trevor and especially THLady Fermina for choosing us to autocrat, and thanks for THLord Ryan and THLady Tana for being so helpful and supportive once the event had started.

Aziza and Artan, Autocrats of Grand Outlandish XXXI

Attention! Toys For Tots

Greetings, good gentles:
The season is upon us, it is time for us bring joy into children's hearts. It's time for us to collect toys for the underprivileged children of these lands! It's time for Toys for Tots is coming up in November. Remember the toys must be new, in their original packaging and of good quality.

Last year, we collected in the neighbor-hood of 1,000 toys. This year, lets double or triple that amount. We have the manpower to do it - we are, after all, the mightiest barony in the kingdom. Let's show all the Known World, just how mighty we are!

Regular Activities

CITIZENS MEETING

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: Master James David 830-6904.*

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice

Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice

First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am, at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice

Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice

Practices are held starting at 11:00 am on the first and third Saturdays of each month. *Please contact the Equestrian Marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email equestrian@al-barran.org for directions to the site and any other information.*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. Directions: Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household

Ongoing, informational, informal gatherings for new members of the SCA. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, starting in August. Meetings to be held at 2823 Bel Air Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM. Contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com

Three things which strength custom:
fairness, power, and authority.

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September 3-6th Silver Pass

House Blessing
Wha sains (hallows) the house the night?
They that sains it ilka night:
St Bride and her brat (mantle),
St Colme (Columba) and his hat,
St Michael and his spear,
Keep this house from the weir;
From running thief,
From burning thief,
And from a' ill Rea (evil spirit),
That be (by) the gate can gae;
And from an ill wight (person)
That be the gate can light.

Scottish house blessing invoking St Bride in vernacular Scots; the English equivalents are in the brackets.

Lughnasadh is the time of the inauguration of kings. The Celtic rites of sovereignty were performed on hills where the candidate, chosen from the ranks of the royal kindred, would be raised up in front of the clan and acclaimed, often by setting his foot into the ancestral footprint in the rock, as at Dunadd in Argyll, or by sitting upon an inauguration stone, like the Stone of Scone.

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1 -Fighter & Rapier Practice *POPULACE MEETING*	2 Gammer Gurton's Needle	(
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August Dates

1st Lughnasadh
16th New Moon
30th Full Moon

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Regular Activities listings
More information on the regular activities is located on pages 22 & 23. Also check the A&S letter on page 6 for the others.

The Gaulish Calendrical Tablet, the Coligny Calendar, the month of August-September was called Edrinios or 'arbitration time', since the period after harvest was a suitable time of assembly when disputes could be legally settled satisfactorily.

This has been our way:
Spring for ploughing and sowing,
Summer for strengthening
and encouraging the grain,
Autumn for ripening the corn and reaping it,
Winter for enjoying it.

Regular Activities

Court Dance Practice

Court dance practices are scheduled for July 25, August 22 and 29, and September 12 and 26, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Fighter Practice Park, Bataan Park at the NW corner of Lomas and Carlisle. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at these free court dance practices. *For further information, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the* ***alBarranMusic_Dance*** *discussion list at www.yahoogroups.com*

"Scorpion Scales"

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: **http://shiao_mei.home.comcast.net/sscales.html** to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 pm, at Lady Melody's house, and some Sundays at fighter practice. *Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.*

Singing Group Practice—NEW!

A new singing group is forming, if you are interested in learning and singing period songs this is the group for you. More info on page 9. If you are interested in being a member of this singing group or wish further information, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453.

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Interested Adults Discussion List--NEW!

A new discussion list has been created for the exchange of information and ideas for the children, youth, teens, and parents in al-Barran and for the adults who have been helping with children, youth and teen activities in al-Barran. To join this group, go to www.yahoogroups.com, and search for the **al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents** discussion list.

Three things which weaken custom:
oppression, doubtful origin, and bad example.

Good Gentles!
The College of Blaiddwyn would like to invite you to

Pack Games III

Sunday, August 29, 2004, AS XXXIX at
University of New Mexico, Duck Pond from
10 am till 4 pm
The Event is Free and Dry

Another year has passed and it is time again for Blaiddwyn's annual recruiting event. Their Excellencies Baron Ryan and Baroness Tana have graciously agreed to move baronial fighter practice to the University for the date. This year, we will have an arts and sciences display, so bring your items of handiwork for display. In addition, we will have bocce ball and other period games, so feel free to bring your personal sets and games to share. I also encourage everyone to bring projects to work on to illustrate the full range of activities in which we participate. We will also have small fighting tournaments.

I invite everyone to come and once again play with the wolves and help us increase the population of the local wolf pack!

Directions:
From I-40: take the University street exit. Turn south (R-East Bound; L-West Bound). Pass several stoplights. At Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, turn left and left immediately again onto Redondo Drive. Take the next right into the parking lot. The Duck Pond is to the East and North of the parking lot.
From I-25: Take the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive exit. Turn east (L-South Bound; R-North Bound). Follow it till it ends in a T-intersection at Redondo Dr. Turn left. At the next right, turn into the parking lot. The Duck Pond is to the East and North of the parking lot.

For more information or to volunteer time or services, please contact the autocrat:

Lady Lyneya del Filde (Janet Fildes), phone: 254-4771;
email: golum@unm.edu

Up to date information is available at our website:
http:\\www.unm.edu\~sca

Baron's War

Barony of Dragonsspine
August 6-8, A.S. XXXIX (2004)
Lost Burro Campground:
4023 Teller Rd #1 Cripple Creek, CO 80813
www.lostburro.com 719-689-2345
Site Opens: August 6th Noon; closes: August 8th 5pm
Site Fee: Individuals Day $10, Weekend $18; Family Cap is $65
Children 5-12 half price, Children under 5 free
Site is discreetly wet.

Prepare ye all, for the challenges of this years Baron's War.

The winds of war beckon unto all warriors like a rumbling voice from within. Baron's War doth soon approach. Prepare the Harness! Sharpen the Blade! Prepare to gauge the Strength of wood and stone! With the dread approach of siege equipment, the whistle of Arrows and the clamor of blade upon shield, high in their mountain fortress the warriors and Barons of our land shall cast down the gauntlet unto one and all of the known world.

All Warriors and artisans of the blade and bow, spear and siege engine, come ye all prepared, for there shall be tournaments, grand melees, and competitions galore. The theme of this year's Baron's War "Heraldic Display". But...not necessarily that old crusty style of the stone rampart lion, unless of course that does suit your fancy. For those more imaginative types perhaps something along the lines of an ermine Elizabethan Tutu, well... perhaps that is too much but you get the idea! Come prepared to display proudly and uniquely your arms and colors on and off the field.

Unto all Noble Landed and Court Barons and Baronesses of the known land.

Be it known that the theme of war this year shall be based upon a seven-man lance, which must be sponsored on or off the field by a Baron or Baroness. Throughout the day upon Saturday, there shall be a series of Grand Melees comprised of multiple seven-man lances. Each lance must be sponsored by a Baron or Baroness. The Baron or Baroness need not be part of the lance, just sponsor there of. Furthermore upon Sunday there shall be a Seven-Man Lance Prize Tournament. Is your seven-man team up to this Challenge? To enter this tournament you must be sponsored by a Baron or Baroness, and provide an entry fee. Fear not, there need not be a huge expense, but keep in mind all entry fees shall be part of the prize that goes to the victorious Seven-Man Lance. Examples of entrance fees: pennant for a lance, a blade, feast ware, a tunic for those fighter types, or any goods from that last raid that your party went upon! Spoils of War! You get the idea! Also a perfect time for the artisans of the Outlands to share examples of their crafts, as an example Master Maelmardane the sponsor of this Grand Tournament is supplying the Grand Prize.
As is tradition there will be a Tournament for the Baron or Baroness of Terra Insubstantia Tourney. Each Baron or Baroness may sponsor one or more champions for this tournament. The prize of this tournament... HUGE TRACTS OF LAND!!!! As well as the admiration of your peers near and far as you proudly display the Glorious Banner of your esteemed position.

The categories for the Heraldic Display Competition includes:
Clothing – a walking banner
Fighting Units on or off the field – Tabards, Shield Display, Pennants, Unit Herald
Camp Displays – Period Encampment, banners

There will also be a unique challenge to all our artisans in the known world. Saturday there will be a competition "Dress your Barbie as a person of History (Mundane or SCA)." Yes this is your opportunity to dress Ken as Count Hoegaarden or Barbie as Her Majesty Cainnleach. Unfortunately, the Joan of Arc idea is already taken (yep Thyra is going tie her Barbie to a stake and light her on fire!) Points will be given for being able to recognize the person, as well as the overall presentation.

The glorious victors of these competitions will be recognized and presented their winnings during Court. Watch the Outlands List, or speak to your nearest Baron or Baroness (remember you need to have a sponsor) for more details on fighting (the torchlight axe tourney, fencing, and archery activities), competitions and other activities planned. There are showers available, and a small general store on site (firewood, ice, meals).

Autocrat: Dane 3158 Oak Creek Dr E, Colorado Springs, CO 80906, 719-385-0812, ravenskeep@pcisys.net

Silver Pass IX

September 3-6, AS XXXIX (2004)
Shire of Rio de las Animas
San Juan Basin Research Center, 18500 Hwy 140, Hesperus, CO 81326
Site opens: Friday, Sept 3, at noon; Closes: Monday, Sept 6, at noon
Site fee: Adults $15, Youth 5-12 $10, under 5 free.
Family cap of $45,
Non-members add $3 each adult.
Checks payable to SCA-Rio de las Animas

Good gentles of the Outlands, listen to these words.

Silver Pass is nigh upon us; make your plans to attend this most fun weekend in the cool mountains of the Outlands. We will be looking for a Rapier fighter to be the Defender of the Shire; a heavy Weapons fighter to be Defender of the Silver Pass; an Archer champion; and we will of course have thrown weapons and the always popular (at least with the fairer sex) Rolling Pin toss. We will also host the Southern Semi-finals for the Windover Bard: We anticipate a wonderful show of the talent the Kingdom bards have to offer. The semi-finals will be on Saturday evening and the shire will host our own bardic competition on Sunday.

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The Arts and Science competition for Silver Pass IX will be a little different. We are looking for Period Encampments! The award will go to the most impressive campsite. Even if you only have a mundane tent, you can enter. Voting will be by populace vote. Imagination and creativity are greatly encouraged.

This year we also wish to announce the children's bardic workshop. Geared toward the smaller members of our kingdom, the workshop will cover voice, body movement and other aspects of the Bardic Arts. And though this is for the "smalls", adults will be welcomed. A Children's Bardic will be held after the workshop.

Musicians, dancers, spectators! Come once again to the drumming competition, this year at Camp Darbuka. Bring your instruments and your talent and your enthusiasm to drum camp. Dancers will judge the drummers, fine prizes will be awarded, and all will have a grand evening.

Brewers and vintners of the Known World---The great Silver Pass Brewing Tourney returns on Saturday. Bring your best brewing and vinting efforts and join with your fellow brewers. Competition will be for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and the Grand Prize for best of show. Entries will be judged on aroma, appearance, flavor, mouth feel, overall impression, documentation, and historical authenticity. For information on documentation, go to http://sca_brew.homestead.com.

The site is wet; enjoy it responsibly. Your pets must be on a leash at all times, please clean up after them as well. Fire restrictions are to be determined as the summer progresses. Currently allow for no open flames.

We are taking pre-registrations to speed up the troll process. Please forward your SCA name, mundane name, member number, address, and phone number to the autocrats to complete the process. We will figure your troll fee upon arrival and proof of membership. Send the requested info to the autocrats listed above or by USPS to: SCA Rio de las Animas, 4334 County Road 124, Hesperus, CO 81326.

If you have been to a Silver Pass event before you know to expect fun, excitement, fun, revelry, fun, terrific prizes, fun, great surroundings, fun, great tournaments, fun, pageantry, and did I mention FUN? Come join us again this year.

Directions: *From the North and South:* Make you best way to Durango to Hwy 160 West. At the "Doubletree Inn", go West 10.1 miles to Hwy 140 ("Hesperus"). Turn South (left) and go 4.3 miles to site.
From the Southwest: Go to Shiprock. At Hwy 64, go East to Hwy 170. Turn North (left) and proceed 36.8 miles to site. At the state line Hwy 170 will turn into Hwy 140. It will be well signed the last 2 miles from both directions.

Autocrats: THL Leona Colquehoun, (Debbie Relaford) deb_Leona@yahoo.com 970-259-1825 & Lord Sean McLeod of Skye, (Morris Schaefer) mtnsounds@hotmail.com 970-259-3319;

Contact THL Leona to merchant: merchant fee $15.

Champions of al-Barran

Barony of al-Barran
September 17 – 19, AS XXXIX (2004)
Land's End, Stanley, NM
This event is free. The Site is wet.
Site opens Friday Sept. 17th at 12 noon and closes Sunday Sept. 19th at 4pm

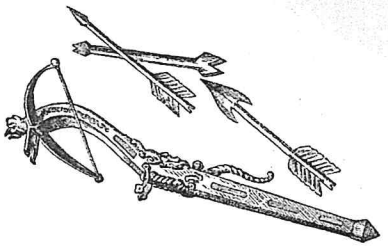
Tournaments, feasting, dancing and more! The Barony of al-Barran invites one and all to join us in celebrating the glory that is al-Barran! As a reminder that romance and chivalry should be encouraged always (not just in February) this year's theme is "Cupid's Revenge" so be prepared for a weekend of fun, merriment and courtly behavior. We may even have a few surprises here and there.

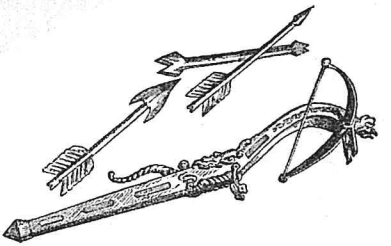
Join us Friday night for drumming & dancing. Saturday night we will be having a Potluck Feast and the Bardic competition. Let's not forget all the tournaments, competitions and lots of fun to be had throughout the event. Bring your gear for the Heavy, Rapier & Archery tournaments (and melees of course!). The Baronial Flower of Chivalry & the Rapier Flower of Chivalry will also be chosen at this event.

In order to enter any of the titled tournaments or compete for the position of Bard of al-Barran, all entrants must have a current subscription to the Baronial Shaft, which will be sold on site. We will also be holding competitions for Best Brew, Best Potluck Side Dish, Best Dessert, Scorpion in Any Medium, 'Tween Dream, Cupid's Lord & Cupid's Lady. More information on some of the newer competitions will be forthcoming.

Directions to the site: Take I-40 east from Albuquerque to exit 196 (Howard Cavasos) at Moriarty. Go north on NM-41 for 12 miles. Turn right (east) on White Lakes Road, and go 4.5 miles. Turn left (north) on Rough Road and go 2 miles. Turn right (east) at the road (there will be a sign) and go 1 mile to Land's End.

Autocrat: Lady Gabrielle Stardust (Kristi Kountz) 505 Dorado SE Apt. C, Albuquerque, NM 87123 klkountz@hotmail.com (505) 269-0764
Deputy Autocrat: Meghan of the Rom (Victoria Davila) P.O. Box 394, McIntosh, NM 87032 fireangel13@earthlink.net (505) 384-2417





Feast Day of Saint Golias

College of Saint Golias
October 16, AS XXXIX (2004)
New Mexico Tech Athletic Field
801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801
Site fee only: adult $5, children 3-12 $3,
children under 3 no charge
Site & Feast fee: adult $12, children 3-12 $6,
children under 3 no charge
NM Tech students will receive a $2 discount on site fee.
Family cap of $30
Site is DRY, no pets please

Unto all fine gentles of these fair Outlands does the College of Saint Golias send warmest greetings!

Twenty-seven years have we of this fine College dedicated ourselves to the most honorable pursuits of our Patron Saint. Many great endeavors have we undertaken in our sacred quest for the finest Wine, Women and Song. Upon the Sixteenth Day of October we welcome all good gentles to celebrate with us the Feast Day of Saint Golias, and to share the fruits of our labors.

The celebration will commence at 10:00 am on the New Mexico Tech Athletics Field with a game tourney, since it was ever Saint Golias' duty to spread the knowledge of dice, cards and other such challenges of wit and skill. Following the merriment, fierce combat shall commence to determine the new Defender of Saint Golias, as well as our Patron Saint's First Blade.

The evening would not be complete without feast and frolic, and both shall be had at the Socorro Holiday Inn Express Convention Center (1100 N. California Street, directions will be available during the day).

Alas, our feast, frolic and tourney sites are dry; therefore, the most honorable pursuits of Saint Golias will be heartily celebrated at the after-revel following (site to be announced at the feast).

Directions to the site, a map, a menu, and a full schedule of events will be provided on the website at: www.nmt.edu/~golias/feastday.html

To best join our merriment and reserve your place at our table, please mail your *prepaid* reservation to Flainn Raighne (Matthew McCleary), 99A Bosquecito Road, San Antonio, NM 87832.

For concerns about the celebration of Saint Golias, please contact the Autocrat, Lord Sveinn Grimarsson (Adam Milner) carmaic@nmt.edu

Please direct inquiries concerning the Feast of Saint Golias to the Lady Auria (Mandy McCleary), (505) 838-0590, 99A Bosquecito Road, San Antonio, NM 87832.

Esperanza V

Barony of al-Barran
Sunday, October 17th, AS XXXIX (2004)
Bataan Park, Albuquerque, NM
Site opens at 9:00am and Closes at 6:00pm
Event is FREE

In the ongoing fight between good and evil, the forces of good can never forget their greatest weapon...HOPE! Therefore, the theme for Esperanza this year is GOOD vs. EVIL! We will have a heavy and rapier tournament, and to enter either, you must convince our baron and baroness that you are firmly on the side of good. Only with Their Excellencies' leave will you be allowed to serve on the side of good. So ready your rapiers, axes, and spears, for the army of good needs YOU!

Don't forget about our annual Esperanza arts and sciences competition. Since good vs. evil is the theme this year, make your a&s project something that signifies that you are on the side of good!

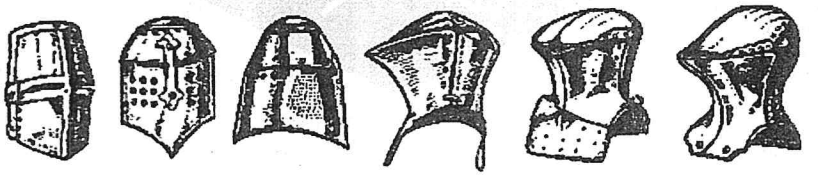
Evil must be vanquished!

Although this is a free event, there will be a donation lunch, so either bring a dish to share, or support your barony and please make a donation. There is also a food competition, the categories being 'most period,' 'baroness's choice,' and 'populace choice.' Who knows? You just might get a pretty cool prize!

Site is extremely, unbelievably, undeniably, irreversibly, and uncompromisingly DRY.

Directions to site: Take your best route to Albuquerque, New Mexico. From I-40, take the Carlisle exit and head south. Keep going until you reach Lomas (there will be a Walgreens on the northwest corner), and take a right. Bataan park is immediately on your right, between the streets of Amherst and Tulane. From I-25, take the Lomas exit, (which is south of I-40) and head east (towards the mountains). You will pass University, then Girard. Just before Carlisle, you will see the park on your left, between Amherst and Tulane.

Autocrat: Lord Michael McQuillan of Blackthorne (Glenn Clayburn)
(505)332-9213, (ponyboy314@comcast.net)



Prince Geoffrey—I know. You know I know. I know you know I know. We know Henry knows, and Henry knows we know it. (smiles) We're a knowledgeable family.

Coronation

College of Blaiddwyn
November 13-14, AS XXXIX (2004)
Student Union Building Ballroom, UNM, Albuquerque, NM
Site fee: $10; Feast fee: TBA

The college of Blaiddwyn is honored to be able to host the Outlands Coronation. The majority of the event will be held in the grand ballroom of the University of New Mexico's Student Union Building. We hope to hold a memorable Coronation that will be new and fresh and remembered for years to come. We are getting organized as this announcement goes to press, for more details check back in September. Reservation information will be available in the September article.

Autocrat:
Lord Gauvain Eisenbein (Jeff King) 385-4110 gauvain_eisenbeing@yahoo.com

Midwinter

My Lords and Ladies, sharpen your needles, consult your fabric merchants, and secure your embellishers! Candle makers, jewelers and gardeners, stand ready. al-Barran Midwinter is approaching, and it is never too early to start on that new ensemble or table setting for the occasion!

With the blessings of Their Excellencies Ryan and Tana, we are pleased to announce, albeit early, the theme for al-Barran Midwinter.

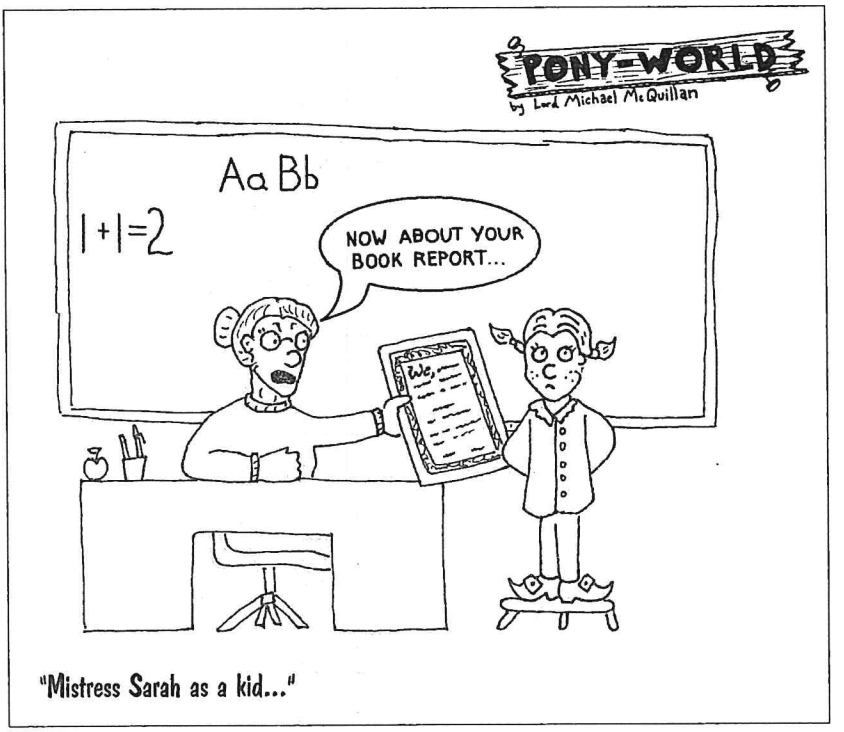
The theme is "Christ-mass in the Time of the Troubadours". The focus will be on 12th and 13th century England and France. There will be appropriate roaming musical entertainments, recognition for clothing and table settings in theme, games, caroling, a fine feast, a groaning (to be sure) dessert buffet with diverse subtleties, and both European and middle eastern dancing in the evening.

The theme is locally (and fondly) being referred to as "The Lion in Winter -- without the bloodshed and bickering" as that play/movie does occur during the focus time period. Along with scholarly research, some good movies to reference are "The Lion in Winter" with Peter O'Toole and Katherine Hepburn as well as the Showtime remake with Patrick Stewart and Glenn Close. The former is a bit more....earthy?....in concept; the latter more 'high table'. The many Ivanhoe productions can lend some insight as well, although we are rather fond of the Robert Taylor version for the embellishment on the men's clothing and early feast scene complete with wolfhounds. (:Note: please ignore any slipper satin gowns, modern undergarment lines, zippers and/or Christmas trees in any of the above).

For those of the web searching bent, an interesting timeline was found online at **http://lydiamong.tripod.com/LionWinter-timeline.html**

Al-Barran Midwinter is Saturday, December 18, 2004 in Albuquerque, NM. War Practice is scheduled for the next day at Bataan Park.

THLord Connor Graham, Autocrat
Ban-fili Cailte Caitchairn, Feast Steward



Estrella War

Its been a lovely summer, and now its August, time to starting working on your A&S projects for war. The Categories for Arts and Sciences at Estrella War are:

-European Dance— (see the court dance article for info on this)
-Storage Containers in any media *(no clothing accessories)*
-Archery equipment

This is also the time to start attending fighter practice, now is the time to start those war practices, why wait until full autumn is upon us.

Estrella War coordinators are needed, contact the seneschal or Their Excellencies about being a coordinator.

WAR!

Prince John *A knife! He's got a knife!*
Eleanor of Aquitane *Of course he has a knife, he always has a knife, we all have knives! It's 1183 and we're all barbarians!*

—the Lion in Winter

Gammer Gurton's Needle

GAMMER GURTON'S NEEDLE MEETINGS AND STATE FAIR ENTRY INFORMATION

This month's meetings for Gammer Gurton's Needle will be held at The Honorable Lady Delia, the Rose of Thorncastle's house (Deborah Meeks-Nixon) Her address is 5914 Aspen NE. Her house is on the SW corner of the intersection of Aspen and San Pedro, between Indian School and Constitution. Her phone is 232-7946 for any questions. We will be continuing our largesse projects and making plans for the next months' meetings. Rosamond will have a copy of the State Fair guidelines if anyone is considering entering. Contact her if you have any questions about costumes or arts projects appropriate for the State Fair. Items need to be entered on certain days at the end of August. Last year, al-Barran folks had a very nice showing.

Contacts: Rosamond de Preston-865-9082 or ladyrosamond@abqbooks.com or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 HLDelia@aol.com.
Website: http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.

Court Dancing

Huzzah to all the dancers who came to the intensive court dance workshop held in al-Barran, for seven hours, July 11th. I especially wish to thank our wonderful guest dance instructors from Caerthe, Mistress Arwen and THL Guillaume who were just great and so very informative. A special thank you also to Lady Lyneya for bringing food to share and to Lord Canus for leading and calling some of the dances. We hope to do this again soon.

A private discussion list has been created for those who are interested in the 2005 Estrella War European Dance Competition for the A&S war point. Please contact me, Lady Barbara, at 293--7453 or at krege@aps.edu if you wish to be a member of this discussion list, which will keep you informed as to support, competition rules, dance practices, etc. with regard to this War effort.

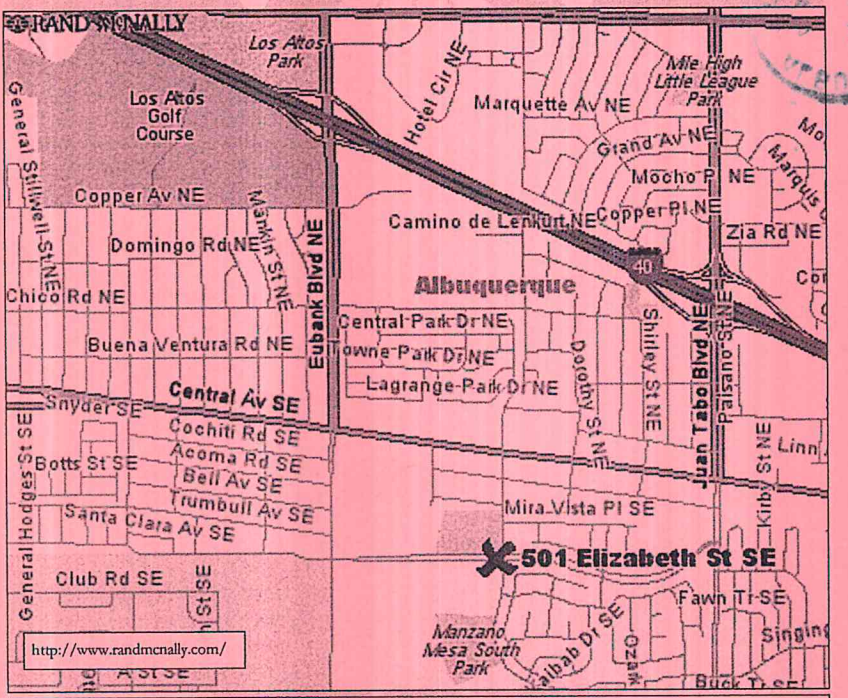
Court Dance Practices are scheduled for July 25, August 22 and 29, and September 12 and 26, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Fighter Practice Park, Battan Park at the NW corner of Lomas and Carlisle. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at these free court dance practices. We also have a discussion/information list for al-Barran court dancers and musicians at www.yahoogroups.com which we encourage you to join. Just go to that website and search for alBarranMusic_Dance and then click on "Join" to join this discussion list, which will give you the latest information concerning court dancing and music practices in al-Barran.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Barbara

Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting has moved! The NEW LOCATION is the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. There will be a Citizen's meeting on May 18th, mostly to discuss Outlandish biz. The citizen's meeting are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David 830-6904, for further information.

Driving Directions:
Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue onto Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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Web Sites

Al-Barran's website: http://www.al-barran.org Outlands' website: http://www.outlands.org

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